

**PAYROLL BANDITS
TRACER TO MILLER CO.**

Prosecutor Page and Chief of Police Welch Will Bring Couple Back To Springfield.

From the Springfield Republican.
A determined effort to learn the identity of the five bandits who staged a masked hold-up on Boonville avenue Monday morning and escaped with \$20,500 on its way to the Citizens bank, was decided upon last night by Prosecuting Attorney O. J. Page and Chief of Police D. C. Welch. They left early last night for Linn Creek to bring back to Springfield Mr. and Mrs. Mart Langfitt, who confessed aiding the bandits, and who are parents-in-law of Ed Hollywood, alleged to be one of the bandits, and Mrs. Ed Hollywood, who, it was learned, had arrived at Linn Creek from Kansas City yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon three of the bandits moved north from Linn Creek to near Bagnell, Miller county. The entire posse which had been watching the Langfitt home is near Bagnell.

Taking leading parts in this posse are Police Sergeant Teaff, Sheriff Harris, John Huff, former sheriff of Laclede county, and Police Officers Hicks and Hulise, all of Springfield.

Chief Welch and Prosecutor Page armed with a warrant charging that the Langfitts conspired to aid the bandits in their flight. The Langfitts are in jail at Linn Creek on a similar charge. The officers will return today with the Langfitts and Mrs. Hollywood and an effort will be made to induce them to disclose the identity of the bandits. Clyde Higgs, in jail here on the charge of being one of the bandits, will be questioned at the same time it was said.

The opinion was expressed last night by Chief Welch that all the bandits are from the region of Linn Creek. It was said that it is possible friends of the bandits residing in that region had helped them on their way.

Dr. T. V. Poole made a business trip to Wentworth, Saturday.

Attorney Emory Medlin and A. O. Williams made a business trip to Joplin, Saturday.

Miss Genevieve Martin was operated upon for diseased tonsils at the West hospital Friday morning.

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**MRS. A. F. JASTER DIES
FOLLOWING OPERATION**

Mrs. Rose Jaster, wife of A. F. Jaster, of Corsicana, who submitted to an operation for appendicitis at 2:30 o'clock Thursday morning at the West hospital, died at 5:45 o'clock Thursday afternoon. She was brought to the hospital in a critical condition at 1 o'clock Thursday morning, her appendix having bursted on the way to the hospital.

The body was removed to the Bradford Undertaking parlors where it was prepared for burial and was taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cendroski at Corsicana. Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock Saturday morning from the Bricefield church.

The deceased was born August 24, 1895 at Corsicana and was 26 years, 8 months and 24 days old when death claimed her. She is survived by her husband and two small children.

**DRILLING GOING FORWARD
STEADILY AT JENKINS**

The drill at the Jenkins oil well is working steadily and will be in operation on Sunday so that visitors will be able to see the drillers at work.

The drill is down 1875 feet according to a telephone message from Crane to the Times Friday morning, by J. A. Hibbard, secretary of the Barry County Oil and Gas Company. The formation now reached is black sand and red shale, which is very favorable oil indication.

**FUNERAL FOR CLARENCE
SEXTON**

The remains of Clarence Sexton, former Purdy boy, who was killed in Oklahoma Wednesday, arrived at his home in Purdy Friday morning, instead of Thursday morning. Funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon from the New Salem church and interment was made in the Purdy cemetery.

POLLY ANN MEANS DIES

Polly Ann Means was born in North Carolina, December 30, 1830 and passed away at her home near Peirce City Thursday, May 18, 1922, age 92 years, 7 months and 12 days. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon May 20, and burial will be made in Mt. Olivet cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the sickness and at the death of our darling baby, Billy Brown. Also we thank those who gave the beautiful flowers, and Rev. C. F. Whitlock for his consoling words. C. M. Prevost and Family.

Misses Rose Smith, Elizabeth Keirsey and Fern Heyburn went to Springfield Saturday morning and this evening will be guests at the Delta Delta Sorority dance to be given at Doling park.

**MISSOURI BREEDERS RAISE \$30,000
FOR PROMOTION PURPOSE**

The recently organized Missouri association of Poland China swine breeders is this week closing up a campaign for \$30,000 with which an office will be equipped, and an executive secretary employed for three years, according to Jumps Cauthorne of Kansas City, who is working among the breeders of Barry county and vicinity. He reports a spirit of optimism prevailing among them and a hearty response to the promotional project. Ten other parties are working in other sections of the state.

"This is an effort on the part of the Poland China men to keep the lead which they think they now have in Missouri," says Mr. Cauthorne. The 1920 census shows that there are 74,139 pure bred animals of this breed on Missouri farms, while the next breed in point of number has 47,986 according to Mr. Cauthorne.

A similar organization, perfected six months ago in Illinois, has been able to organize ten county breeders' association, distribute a carload of pure bred hogs in the undeveloped section of southern Illinois by auction sale, induce eleven parties to fit a carload of hogs for the coming International Live Stock Exposition, and has arranged for the shipment of a View herd to the National Cattle Show at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to be held in connection with the Centennial Exposition next September which will celebrate one hundred years of Brazilian independence.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

C. H. Waggoner	Paris Springs
Ollie Means	Hoberg
Mack L. Barnes	Aurora
Myrtle L. Reed	Aurora
Gust Osterloh	Verona
Ida Hesseman	Verona
Earl McClure	Aurora
Johannah Baker	Aurora
Clifford Young	Aurora
Gertrude Boucher	Mt. Vernon
Chester Spreckelmeyer	St. Louis
Fannie Craker	Springfield
Alex J. Mais	Verona
Anna Schatz	Billings

BIDDLECOME CONVICTED

At Mt. Vernon Wednesday, B. E. Biddlecome pleaded guilty to violating the prohibition law and was sentenced to three months in jail in addition to a fine of \$1,000.

Ollie Hadlock, associated with Biddlecome in the illegal manufacture and traffic of liquor, also pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 12 months in jail. The two men are said to be brothers-in-law.

Biddlecome is a farmer living in the Dry Valley neighborhood.

Mrs. J. C. Leake was operated upon for gall stones shortly after noon, Thursday, at St. Johns hospital at Springfield. Dr. Hogeboom, assisted by Dr. C. T. Dusenbury, performed the operation, which was pronounced successful.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY
CIRCUIT COURT**

J. T. vs Zula G. Saltkill, divorce proceeding; divorce granted plaintiff with permission to visit younger children awarded defendant.

G. W. vs Daisy Brown; divorce granted plaintiff.

John Bosley vs Geo. W. Hodges et al, replevin; trial by jury and plaintiff allowed \$1028 as lein and \$1800 as value of hogs. Motion for new trial filed.

Dan H. Witthaus vs Ernest Bruhn, appeal from J. P. court; trial by court and plaintiff awarded \$100.

State vs Lavanus Jackson, murder; set for May 20th before Judge B. G. Thurman of the 26th circuit, Judge Henson being a witness.

Hobart Johnson refusing to testify before grand jury, committed to jail.

First National Bank of Monett vs M. D. Hunt, note; judgment by default for \$172.40.—Chiefclain.

**LAWRENCE COUNTY CIRCUIT
COURT PROCEEDINGS**

John W. Blackburn vs Jesse W. D. Wormington et al, quiet title, decree for plaintiff.

Carmine Fulkerson vs J. P. Fulkerson, divorce, Marriage annulled.

J. O. Mulkey et al vs James Weldy set aside deed, Continued.

George L. Rice vs R. H. Edwards damages, dismissed by plaintiff.

John Bosley vs Geo. W. Hodges et al, Replevin, trial by jury, verdict for plaintiff for \$1,028.

Sarah E. Pyle vs C. H. Speer et al replevin, dismissed by plaintiff.

Dan H. Witthaus vs Ernest Bruhn appeal to J. P. Court, trial by Court, judgment for plaintiff for \$100.

State vs Lloyd Kline, highway robbery, continued.

State vs Arlie Jones, Highway robbery, continued.

State vs B. E. Biddlecome et al, violating prohibition laws, Allie Hadlock pleads guilty and sentenced to three months in jail.

State vs Daniel Kleeman wife abandonment, dismissed by state.

State vs Ross Bowerman, disturbing peace, plea of guilty entered fined \$10.

State vs Charles Eddington, Marvin Williams, petit Larceny, both plead guilty, Marvin Williams sentenced to 50 and Charles Eddington to 30 days in jail.

Stat vs Barney Todd, stealing chickens at night, defendant enters plea of guilty to petit larceny and sentenced to 90 days in jail.

State vs Levanus Jackson and Robt. Stemmons, murder, Charles Henson Judge disqualified, Judge Thurman selected to try case which is set for Saturday May, 20th.

State vs Hobert Johnson, defendant refused to testify before Grand Jury and was committed to jail.—Record.

**EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATING
EXERCISES OF PURDY SCHOOL**

The eighth grade graduating class of the Purdy school had their program at the Methodist Episcopal church at that place Tuesday evening. Dr. B. B. Kelly gave the class address which was appreciated by the entire class as well as the audience. Diplomas were given to twenty-five, the largest eighth grade class ever in Purdy.

**HOSTESS TO AFTERNOON
EMBROIDERY CLUB**

Mrs. Fred Frear entertained the Busy Bee Embroidery Club Thursday. The day was spent in needlework and music was enjoyed by all. The hostess served a delightful luncheon to the following: Mrs. Victor Bryan, Mrs. Buster Ash, Mrs. T. P. Mooney, Mrs. Sam Rittenhouse, Mrs. Evan Hickman, Mrs. Webb Jones, Mrs. Jeff Shaw, Mrs. W. R. McFadden. Guests of the Club included Mrs. Grant Rolleg, of Joplin, Miss Margaret West, Miss Angeline Mooney, Effie and Pauline Pitts.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Sam Rittenhouse, 401 Euclid avenue.

Mrs. C. R. Cook was among the Monett people who visited in Joplin Saturday.

Mrs. L. C. Morgan spent Saturday in Seligman as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Brink.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, that Letters of Administration on the Estate of Wilda Othenin, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, on the 1st day of May, 1922, by the Probate Court of Barry County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said Estate, are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within six months after date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such Estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of granting of said letters, they will be forever barred.

This 1st day of May, 1922.

JOHN R. WALLIN,

Judge of Probate.

AUGUST OTHENIN,

Administrator.

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**FIRST NATIONAL INSTALLS
NEW LOCKS**

G. C. Moutray of Clinton, Mo., a representative of the Dillon Lock Works, Fort Dodge, Iowa, this week installed the Dillon Burglar Proof Locks on the vault doors of the First National Bank of Monett, Missouri.

The device is automatic and absolutely locks the vault door as soon as the regular locking mechanism has been destroyed by punching, blowing or burning out with acetylene gases. It relocks all the locking bolts so that the door is as securely locked with the regular lock completely destroyed as it was before the burglars attempted to force entrance. The lock is so arranged that it can be located in an infinite number of places on the door so that the burglars cannot determine at what point it is located.

A large number of Missouri bankers are adding the "Dillon Lock" to their protective equipment. Several banks have been attacked which were equipped with this lock and in every case the lock operated successfully and held the door. The Dillon Lock is regarded as particularly desirable on Safety Deposit vault doors as an added protection to the many valuables deposited there by customers of the bank. The Insurance Underwriters covering the entire United States have recognized the protective merits of the Dillon Lock and have granted a reduction of 10 per cent in burglar insurance rate wherever the vault doors are equipped with this protection.

**INTERESTING MEETING
ALOHA CHAPTER**

Aloha Chapter Eastern Star held a very interesting session Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaase and Miss Iva Suttles were initiated into the order.

In the absence of the worthy patron W. D. Cowherd, of Purdy Chapter, kindly consented to preside during the conferring of degrees, which he did in a very able manner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bear, of St. Louis, being present for the first time since their marriage, were presented with a cut glass bonbon dish as a remembrance from the Chapter.

**HOSTESS TO YOUNG
MATRONS CLUB**

Miss Wilma Armstrong was hostess to the Young Matrons Club on Friday afternoon in the home of her sister, Mrs. Olive Gulick, No. 401 Central avenue. Guessing games were featured for the diversion of the afternoon. A game that created much merriment was by pinning letters to cut out pictures, each one representing the names of the guests. Another game enjoyed was a fishing contest. Paper fish were placed in a large bowl filled with water, and a prize was awarded to the one catching the largest number of fish in four minutes. Mrs. Guy Dawson received the prize, a gold fish and bowl.

Refreshments of strawberries, ice cream and cake were served to the following guests: Mrs. Carl Counts, Mrs. Sidney James, Mrs. Gilbert Williams, Mrs. Glen Douglas, Mrs. Floyd Huffman, Mrs. Guy Dawson, Mrs. Joe Tucker, Mrs. T. E. Austin, Mrs. H. C. Russum, Mrs. Chas. Wilhelm, Mrs. Ralph Saxe, Mrs. Olive Gulick and the hostess.

**FAREWELL PARTY FOR
MISS FLETT**

The "Don't Worry" class of the M. E. church held a farewell party in the church basement Thursday evening in honor of Miss Flett who will leave to spend the summer with home folks. Refreshments were served consisting sandwiches, olives, pickles, salads, potato chips, ice cream and angel food cake.

Those present were Miss Fern Loutzenhiser, Mrs. Claire Fowler, Jessie Hall, Jessie Burgess, Gertrude Floeth, Maude Flett, Thelma Black, Marguerite Burg, Lena Scott, Ersa and Lila Williams and Mrs. Britain.

Mrs. C. G. Marrs, of Sentralia, Ok., who visited her daughter Mrs. J. L. Lane for a week has returned home.

Mrs. F. M. Darden and Mrs. Jack Harvey went to Springfield, Friday, to visit with Mrs. J. C. Leake at St. Johns hospital.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given to contractors and bidders that on Monday June 5th, 1922 the County Court will receive sealed bids at the County Clerk's office in Mt. Vernon, Mo., for the erection of a concrete bridge consisting of two 20 foot spans, to be across Center Creek near Liberty church on line between sections 9 and 16 Township 26, Range 27 4 1/2 miles north of Monett.

A certified check for 10 per cent of the bid must accompany each bid. Plans and specifications will be on file in County Clerk's office at Mount Vernon 5 days before above date. Right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

W. G. Heagerty,
County Highway Engineer.

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**HEAVIER SENTENCE
GIVEN BOOTLEGGER**

Judge Henson Sets Aside Verdict When Prisoner Testifies For Relative.

Mount Vernon, Mo., May 18.—A ninety-day sentence for bootlegging given Allie Hadlock by Judge Charles Henson in circuit court here this week was set aside by Judge Henson today, and a sentence of twelve months in jail administered to Hadlock as a result of testimony he gave in a liquor charge against his brother-in-law, B. E. Biddlecome.

When Hadlock's case was heard by Judge Henson, Hadlock testified in substance that he had been an "innocent tool," in bootlegging activities, and Judge Henson was lenient he sentenced Hadlock to serve three months in jail. But when Biddlecome's case was heard yesterday, Hadlock testified that he was the principal character in the manufacture of liquor that brought about the two men's arrest.

Hadlock said he operated a still found on a farm owned by Biddlecome and that Biddlecome was not aware of its presence.

The conflicting statements of Hadlock in the two trials was too much for Judge Henson. With Biddlecome's case completed and he sentenced to serve ninety days in jail and pay a fine of \$1,000, Judge Henson today ordered Hadlock brought from jail to the court room.

"You have either deceived this court or have perjured yourself," Judge Henson told Hadlock. "When your hearing was held, you said you had been an innocent tool in this matter. Now you testify that it was you who was most active in the illicit liquor traffic, and not Biddlecome. Had I known previously that you were so guilty, I would have sentenced you to twelve months in jail. And that's what I am going to do now; your previous sentence is set aside."

"I want you to know that no person can trifle with or deceive this court."

Biddlecome is a wealthy Lawrence county land owner. He appealed his case to the supreme court, but was remanded to jail in default of appeal bond.

**REWARDS FOR CAPTURE OF
BANDITS TOTAL \$3,000**

Rewards for the capture of the men who held up and robbed Tom Watkins, messenger for the Citizens bank of Springfield, and seriously wounded Ben Lamb, detective, escaping with \$20,500, will amount to more than \$3,000, according to officials.

The county court, in an order made Thursday offered a standing reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who committed the crime. The American Bankers' association already has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of each of the bandits.

**FAREWELL PARTY FOR
MILDRED BOARDMAN**

Miss Mildred Boardman was given a very pleasant farewell party by the young people of Marshall Hill on Friday evening. They gathered at the home of Miss Boardman at 6:30 o'clock and motored to the Peirce City park where they enjoyed a picnic supper. Those enjoying this event were Misses Lizzie Johnson, Viola Whittington, Ruby Furlow, Ardis Stewart, Addie Scott, Oda Stauphill, Cora Fink, Lena Hogle, Lois Owens, Mable Myers, Edith Friend, Gladys Stark, Mildred Boardman; Messrs. H. Losson, Elza Yerton, Cecil Hinkle, Will Stolle, Charlie Summers, Clarence Alyea, Kinley Richardson, Chas. Boardman, Mrs. J. M. Alyea and children, Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, Mrs. Mary M. Davis and Gus Shipley.

Mrs. C. E. Whitlatch was a visitor in Springfield, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Bechtel, of Thayer, Mo., visited between trains with Mrs. Mermoud, Saturday morning, enroute to Arkansas City, Ark.

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